

Antigone Study Guide

Vocab to know...

Chorus

Orchestra

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Tragedy

Quotes to know...

"I have been a stranger here in my own land: all my life, the blasphemy of my birth has followed me."

"There is no happiness...but in submission to the gods. Big words are always punished, and proud men in old age learn to be wise."

"If we must lose, let's lose to a man, at least. Is a woman stronger than we?"

"If I am young and right, what does my age matter?"

"Think about how much more terrible...our own death would be if we should go against Creon and do what is forbidden!"

"We threw the dice, and the bad luck fell to me. So here I am...Nobody likes the man who brings bad news."

"The time is not far off when you shall pay back corpse for corpse, flesh of your own flesh..."

Other things to know...

What happens to each character at the end of the play?

Tragic heroes & their flaws

The catastrophe

The theme

The situational irony

The dramatic irony

What the Chorus thinks

What Creon thinks about Polyneices & being a good ruler

Who is stubborn?

Whose fear is anarchy?

Creon's punishment

Who are the elders of Thebes?

What does Creon suspect?

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What does Creon forbid?

Who killed their father & married their mother?